

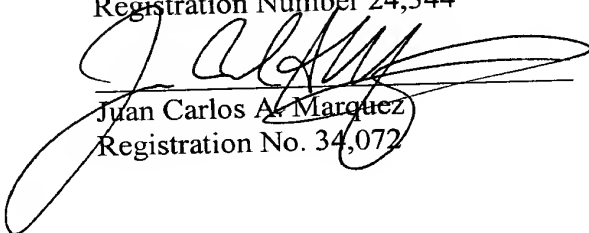
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Examiner: Dinh, Tuan T.

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2003, the shortened period for response to which will expire on February 14, 2003. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Species I, Embodiment I, illustrated in FIG. 5, without traverse. Claims 1 through 7 and 9 through 18 claim the-matter illustrated in FIG. 5.

REMARKS

The above election along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated January 14, 2003 (U.S. Patent Office Paper No. 3), the period for response to which will expire on February 14, 2003.

Election / Restriction Requirement

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the substance of Claims 1-7 and 9-18 and to indicate the allowability of the embodiment.

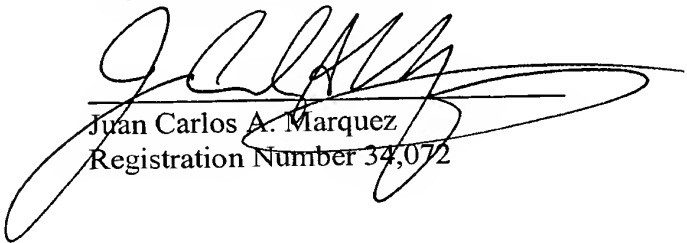
Claims 1-7 and 9-18, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 787, have been elected in this application, while remaining claim 8 is withdrawn from further prosecution

without prejudice and traverse. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claim.

Substantive consideration of the elected claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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